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\$5.4 million in grants awarded for training to bolster California's green job workforce for a cleaner environment

SACRAMENTO – Nearly \$5.4 million in grants have been awarded for ten training programs that target the development of a skilled California workforce for a cleaner environment, the state Employment Development Department (EDD) announced today. Funding includes \$2.38 million to resource agencies to provide job training to unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers for careers in California's emerging green economy. Another \$3 million will expand the Clean Energy Workforce Training Program and strengthen apprenticeship opportunities to spur economic growth in California.

"We are employing innovative and effective ways to revitalize the state's economy as quickly and efficiently as possible," said Pam Harris, EDD Chief Deputy Director. "This is a unique opportunity for California workers to immediately become skilled and marketable in the growing green sector. Strong partnerships will collectively help unemployed and underemployed workers move into green jobs with a promising future, while also contributing toward a cleaner California."

Agencies in Alameda, Kern, Marin, Riverside and Sutter counties will provide career training to over 550 unemployed, underemployed and incumbent workers in energy/utilities efficiency and sustainability, green construction, recycling and waste, agricultural and natural resources, solar power, and clean transportation. Leveraged resources from industry partners will support pre-apprenticeships and job placements.

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Grant recipients include:

Awardees	County	Award	Contact
Laney College – Peralta Community College District	Alameda	\$ 494,687	Emily Courtney (510) 464-3380
Kern/Inyo/Mono Consortium	Kern	\$ 484,177	Verna Lewis (661) 336-6893
Marin County	Marin	\$ 399,504	Mary Donovan (415) 473-3315
Palo Verde College	Riverside	\$ 500,000	Dr. James Hottois (760) 921-5507
North Central Counties Consortium	Sutter	\$ 500,000	Nancy Crooks (530) 822-7145
Total		\$ 2,378,368	

In collaboration with the California Labor Federation, another five agencies in Contra Costa, Imperial, Riverside, Sacramento and San Bernardino counties will be tasked with aligning strategies and resources emerging from the Clean Energy Workforce Training Program, the largest state-sponsored green workforce development effort in the nation. The program is a partnership of the EDD, the California Energy Commission and the California Workforce Investment Board.

Grant recipients include:

Awardees	County	Award	Contact
Richmond City	Contra Costa	\$ 600,000	Sal Vaca (510) 307-8006
Imperial Valley College	Imperial	\$ 600,000	Gonzalo Huerta (760) 355-6419
College of the Desert	Riverside	\$ 600,000	Larry McLaughlin (760) 773-2595
Sacramento Employment Training Agency	Sacramento	\$ 600,000	Robin Purdy (916) 263-3860
San Bernardino Community College District	San Bernardino	\$ 600,000	Kevin Fleming (909) 382-4037
Total		\$ 3,000,000	

Funding for these grants is drawn from the Governor's Discretionary 15 percent Workforce Investment Act funds under the administrative authority of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency's EDD.

For more information about these projects, please call your local agency contact listed above.

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